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LONDON GOSSIP.

(BY FLANEUR.) Special for the Daily Bulletin.)

The Parliamentary Whips on both sides of the House have been fairly active in encouraging their men to forego the pleasures of the chase for the exciting diversions of the division lobby. No doubt all will respond, although not with a good grace, to the call. Many years ago, on the eve of a great national question-one that was to convulse this country beyond the limit of all that then was known-the Whips were assiduously at work to poll their men and pair off those unavoidably absent on urgent private business. Every one was accounted for, and the maimed, the halt, and the blind were ticked off by Government and Opposition as if they had an interest in their recovery. Under these circumstances it came to pass that one Honorable Member, supposed to be in articulo mortis, was paired against one in full health and strength. As every vote was worth untold gold, the diligent Whip thought he would score two on a division by cancelling the arrangement. So he said to the Whip on the other side.

"I can produce my man-you can't produce yours."

"Can't I? why?" "They say he's not able to move." "Indeed! I have him here in town."

"Oh! in that case, the pairs must

The Whip spoke the truth, for that morning he had brought up the remains of the invelid in his coffin!

Sir W. Lawson would find a magnificent text for a sermon on the drinking habits of Anglo-Indians in the composition of a crow's nest which has lately been discovered near the general market, Bungalore. Whether from the heat of the climate or mere human depravity, there is no doubt that "pegs" of brandy and soda form an important item in the expenses incident to an Englishman's life in India; but the malice of that depraved bird, the Indian crow, in blazoning the fact to all the world by building his nest of soda-water wire is inexcusable, and justifies Burton in placing the crow tribe among the "malicious" devils. The nest has been presented to the Government Central Museum, where it will remain as a memorial of the ingenuity of the crow and the weakness of mankind.

Prince Alexander, the present Prince of Orange, is the only surviv-ing male of the direct line of the Royal House of the Netherlands. His health has for long been precarious, and at present he is very ill. Should anything happen to him, there will be left only two heirs presumptive (if I may so say) to the crown. One is the Prince of Nassau, who, in view of possible contingencies, has for some months past taken up his residence in The Hague. The other is the young daughter that King William has had through his second marriage with a Prussian princess. In this state of thing it is easy to see that it is quite on the eards for complications to arise which might favour the views which Germany is said to entertain concerning Holland.

An unpleasant adventure happened this week to the Duke de X. He was driving in the Bois, when a brougham containing two ladies was upset through the horse taking fright. One of the fair creatures being much hurt, His Grace gallantly lifted her into his carriage, and drove off to the nearest doctor. Unfortunately on the way he came across the Duchess, who was taking a walk, and as the injured lady turned out to be a demimondaine, the situation was compromising in the extreme, and, notwithstanding all evidence to the contrary, the Duchess remains sulky, and refuses to believe her bushess confidence. husband guiltless.

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